Reservation in commercial and technical educational institutions

†2460. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students of backward category have reservation in commercial and technical education institutions;

(b) if so, whether the Governments of all the States have implemented it in educational institutions *in toto*; and

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), reservation for OBC in admission of students in Central Universities/ Deemed Universities and other institutions funded by the Central Government has yet not been implemented. However, the State Universities/ Colleges under State Government have to follow the reservation policy as laid down by the respective State Governments.

Amount for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†2461. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to raise the amount of grant being provided for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many areas the officials are misusing the grants meant for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the grant meant for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been misused in Darjeeling; and

(e) the steps Government are taking in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a)

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